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To: Central Intelligence Agency
Assistant Director, Office of Reports & Estimates

Subject: Note of Review by OIR Analysts of CIA Intelligence
Memorandum No. 145.

We have been informed that CIA Intelligence Memorandum No. 145 was published with a note to the effect that the memorandum "has been reviewed by the analysts of the Intelligence Organization of the Department of State." Such an annotation would convey the impression that the Intelligence Organization was not opposed to the content of the memorandum. Such an impression, however, would be incorrect as certain sections of the Department were unable to accept the analysis of the Spanish situation which the memorandum contains. It is believed that this fact was clearly presented to the CIA analysts during consultations held in reference to the memorandum, but strong effort was not made to secure acceptance of our viewpoint inasmuch as the paper was not formally presented to us for concurrence or dissent and inasmuch as OIR was informed that the memorandum was intended only for internal CIA consumption.

This has caused some embarrassment and we hope therefore that measures will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such difficulties.

For the Special Assistant for
Research and Intelligence:

A true copy of
the signed original.
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Chief, ICAPB

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State Department review completed